

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 18, 2016 Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:30 a.m.

* Stand if you are able

Bold: Said by all

Musical Prelude:

GATHERING

* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship (responsive):

(projected)

One: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

Many: We are easily distracted by the darkness of isolation and fear.

All: Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your unending love.

Lighting the Advent Candle – Love

The Sendrowski Family

* Gathering Hymn: *“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”* (N.B.P. #563)

Prayer of Adoration:

Prayer of Confession:

You call us to live joyously within your creation,
but we look for joy in things that do not last.

We build up possessions, expecting that we will
find joy in their security.

We shut ourselves off from one another,
expecting that we can protect our joy from hurt
and disappointment.

We chase after fleeting pleasures
expecting them to satisfy our hungry hearts.

We hold riches and resources to ourselves
expecting them to ward off fear.

But it doesn't work, and we find ourselves resentful, angry, hostile, and jealous.

Forgive us, our God, and help us to seek joy

in loving you without reservation, and in loving one another with kindness. Amen.



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MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Mr. Ian Madge

Assurance of Pardon:

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Children's Hymn: *“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”* (N.B.P. #110)

Children's Story

(Grade 9 & under leave for Sunday School)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination (in unison):

Open our minds to understanding, teach our hearts to love, and strengthen our wills to carry out the mission of your Word. Amen.

Scriptures: (projected)

Isaiah 7:10-16

Matthew 1:18-25

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *"The Hands That First Held Mary's Child"* (N.B.P. #158)

SERMON: "QUIET LOVE"

Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: *"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"* (N.B.P. #114)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings, Offertory

* Doxology (N.B.P. #79)

Prayer of Dedication

Congregational Prayers

The Lord's Prayer: (projected)

SENDING

* Parting Hymn: *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"* (N.B.P. #139)

* Benediction:

* Sung Benediction: *"Go Now In Peace"* (projected)

* Exit of the Word Musical Postlude